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MESSAGE:

Dear Examiner Le:

Thank you for scheduling the subject Interview. In preparation for the Interview, please find attached a PTOL413A Request for Interview and continuation sheet thereto.

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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form**

Application No.: 10/699,631 First Named Applicant: Javier Saenz
 Examiner: Kim, Kevin Y. Art Unit: 3714 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Michael Day, Atty for Applicants (2) Khan H. Le
 (3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 11 May 2011 Proposed Time: 2:00 PM EDT (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>103(a)</u>	<u>Claim 1</u>	<u>Walker, Pierce, Boushy</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☒ Continuation Sheet Attached ☐ Proposed Amendment or Arguments Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: See Continuation Sheet

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

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/ Michael L. Day /

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

Michael L. Day

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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Registration Number, if applicable

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NOT ENTERED

Draft claim amendment

1. A method comprising:

~~causing the display of~~ displaying a floor diagram of a gaming establishment on a display device, said floor diagram including locations of gaming devices within the gaming establishment, said display device communicatively coupled to a central server and to a patron database, and said display device configured to display a first interface and a second interface, wherein access to said first interface and said second interface is limited to a system user, said system user being an operator employee of said gaming establishment;

receiving an input from the system user of a specified time period, wherein the

[[said]] patron database comprising: comprises:

stored patron information relating to each of a plurality of patrons and historical transaction information involving said plurality of patrons; and

observed preference data, said observed preference data: (i) representing patron behavior observed in the gaming establishment for at least a first patron of said plurality of patrons for the specified [[a]] time period of time specified by the operator and (ii) comprising at least one of a gaming preference based on observed time played or actual win or theoretical win and a restaurant preference based on observed restaurant patronage;

~~causing the display of~~ displaying the first interface on the display device, said first interface comprising a visual indicator of a location of said first patron rendered on the floor diagram of said gaming establishment;

and

~~causing the display of~~ displaying the second interface on the display device, said second interface comprising information indicating at least one recommendation of an award to ~~offer~~ be offered by the system user to the first patron, said recommendation resulting from the central server:

defining a plurality of profiles associated with a corresponding plurality of profile valuations;

evaluating substantially real-time transaction activity of said first patron;

~~generating~~ assigning a profile ~~[[for]]~~ to said first patron, by selecting said profile from the plurality of profiles based at least upon portions of each of said historical transaction information pertinent to said first patron, said substantially real-time transaction activity, and said observed preference data;

matching two or more awards to ~~[[said]]~~ the assigned profile;

determining for each of the awards a respective likelihood of acceptance by said first patron based upon the historical transaction information and the observed preference data; and

sorting the two or more awards according to the respective likelihoods of acceptance.

REMARKS

The draft claim amendment obviates the grounds for the §101 and §112 rejections, incorporates subject matter from claim 2, and

(i) clarifies that access to a first interface and a second interface of a display device is limited to *a system user, said system user being an employee* of said gaming establishment;

(ii) adds the step of

receiving an input from the system user of a specified time period, wherein the patron database comprises: observed preference data, said observed preference data: (i) representing patron behavior observed in the gaming establishment for at least a first patron of said plurality of patrons for *the specified time* period; and

(iii) clarifies that at least one recommendation of an award is to *be offered by the system user* to the first patron, said recommendation resulting from the central server: *defining a plurality of profiles associated with a corresponding plurality of profile valuations; assigning a profile to said first patron, by selecting said profile from the plurality of profiles* based at least upon portions of each of said historical transaction information pertinent to said first patron, said substantially real-time transaction activity, and said observed preference data; and matching two or more awards to the assigned profile.

At least the emphasized features of the above-amended independent claim are not found in the references relied on by the Office Action.